

1 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
2 **DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

3 United States of America,

Case No.: 2:14-cr-00364-JAD-GWF

4 Plaintiff

5 v.

**Order Granting Motion to Strike
Pro Se Filings**

6 Clifford James Schuett,

[ECF Nos. 310, 313, 315,
317, 318, 319, 320, 323]

7 Defendant

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9 Petitioner Clifford James Schuett is serving a 120-day sentence after admitting to various
10 supervised-release violations.¹ Though he is represented by counsel, Schuett has filed six
11 motions² and mailed the court a handful of letters³ in the two and a half weeks since his
12 supervised release was revoked. The Government moves to strike those filings and asks the
13 court to issue a standing order striking all future pro se filings in this case.⁴

14 The local rules of this court prohibit Schuett from filing motions when he is represented
15 by counsel and from sending letters to the judge.⁵ Schuett is still represented by the Federal

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¹ ECF No. 309 (Judgment).

18 ² ECF Nos. 310, 313, 315, 317, 318, 319.

19 ³ ECF Nos. 311, 312, 316.

20 ⁴ ECF Nos. 320, 323.

21 ⁵ See L.R. IA 11-6(a) (“A party who has appeared by attorney cannot while so represented
22 appear or act in the case. This means that once an attorney makes an appearance on behalf of a
23 party, that party may not personally file a document with the court; all filings must thereafter be
made by the attorney.”); L.R. IA 7-1(b) (“ . . . [A]n attorney or pro se party must not send case-
related correspondence, such as letters . . . to the court. All communications with the court must
be styled as a motion, stipulation, or notice, and must be filed in the court’s docket and served on
all other attorneys and pro se parties. The court may strike any case-related correspondence filed
in the court’s docket that is not styled as a motion, stipulation, or notice.”).


1 Public Defender. Therefore, if he believes that he is entitled to some relief from the court, he
2 must contact his attorney, Paul Riddle at the Federal Public Defender's Office, who will then
3 determine whether a motion is warranted. Because Schuett's most recent motions were filed in
4 violation of this court's local rules, I grant the Government's motion to strike all of Schuett's
5 recent self-filed motions.

6 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Government's Motion to Strike Defendant's Pro
7 Se Filings and for Standing Order to Strike [ECF Nos. 320, 323] is **GRANTED**. Schuett's pro
8 se motions [ECF Nos. 310, 313, 315, 317, 318, and 319] are **STRUCK** as filed in violation of
9 L.R. 11-6(a).

10 **Schuett is cautioned that he must contact his counsel to file any future motions** in
11 this case and that the court will summarily deny any future motion not filed by counsel while
12 Schuett remains represented. Schuett is further cautioned that the court does not respond to, or
13 act on, letters sent to the court or the judge.⁶

14 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that **the Clerk of Court is directed to SEND a copy of**
15 **this order to Clifford Schuett** at the Nevada Southern Detention Center, 2190 E. Mesquite
16 Ave., Pahrump, NV 89060.

17 Dated: February 3, 2020

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20 U.S. District Judge Jennifer A. Dorsey
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⁶ L.R. IA 7-1(b).